

**SAMPLE MOTION FOR RELIEF OF
TRIAL DEFENSE COUNSEL DUTIES**

[Suggested form for a motion to be relieved of duties as Trial Defense Counsel in accordance with United States v. Sterling, 5 M.J. 601 (NMCMR 1978).]

**IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS**

UNITED STATES,)	16 May 2000
Appellee,)	
)	MOTION FOR RELIEF
v.)	OF TRIAL DEFENSE
)	COUNSEL DUTIES
S. A. Miam,)	
Seaman Apprentice (E-2),)	CGCCA Docket No.
United States Coast Guard,)	
Appellant.)	PANEL FIVE
_____)	

**TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES
COAST GUARD COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS**

1. Now comes trial defense counsel and respectfully requests relief from representational duties in the above-captioned matter.
2. _____ has been appointed appellate defense counsel, and has assumed that duty. Trial defense counsel has performed all post trial duties in appellant's case and, furthermore, has advised appellate defense counsel of the current status of appellant's case, the issues which should be raised on appeal, the post trial actions undertaken on behalf of appellant and all other matters pertinent to the effective continuing representation of the appellant.
3. Wherefore, trial defense counsel respectfully requests the relief sought be granted.

